

Alabama's Two-year Colleges and Athens State University

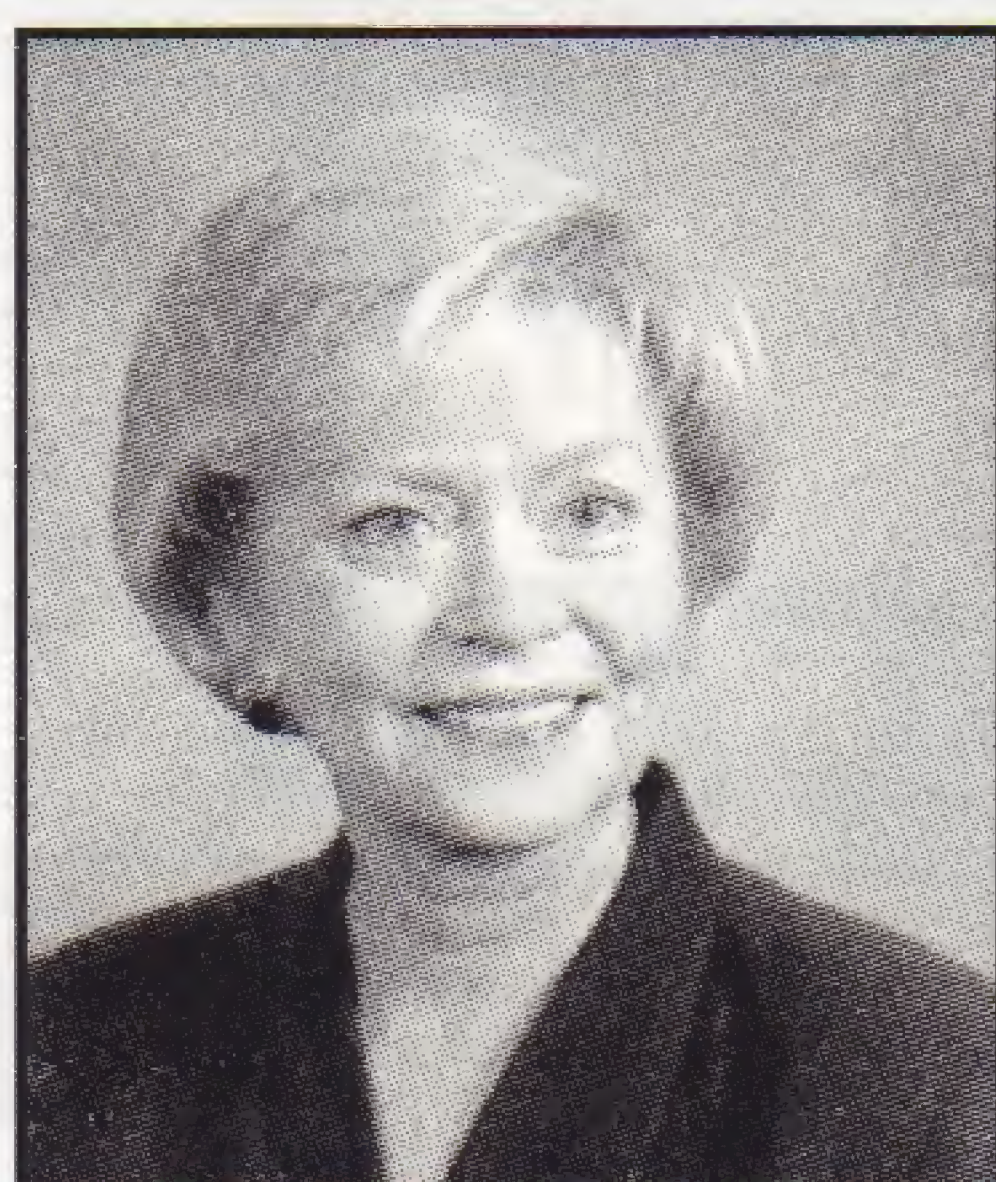
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ACA ballots for the positions of Second Vice President and Treasurer will soon be distributed to ACA members. The candidates for Second Vice President are Dr. Jenny Folsom and Dr. Linda Hooton. The candidates for Treasurer are Mr. Ben Jordan and Mr. Jody Upchurch.



Dr. Jenny Folsom is currently the Dean of Instruction at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama. She began her work at the college in 1988 as the Director of the North Central Alabama Adult Education program. She assumed the responsibilities of director of development and federal programs in 1992 prior to becoming dean of instruction in 1996.

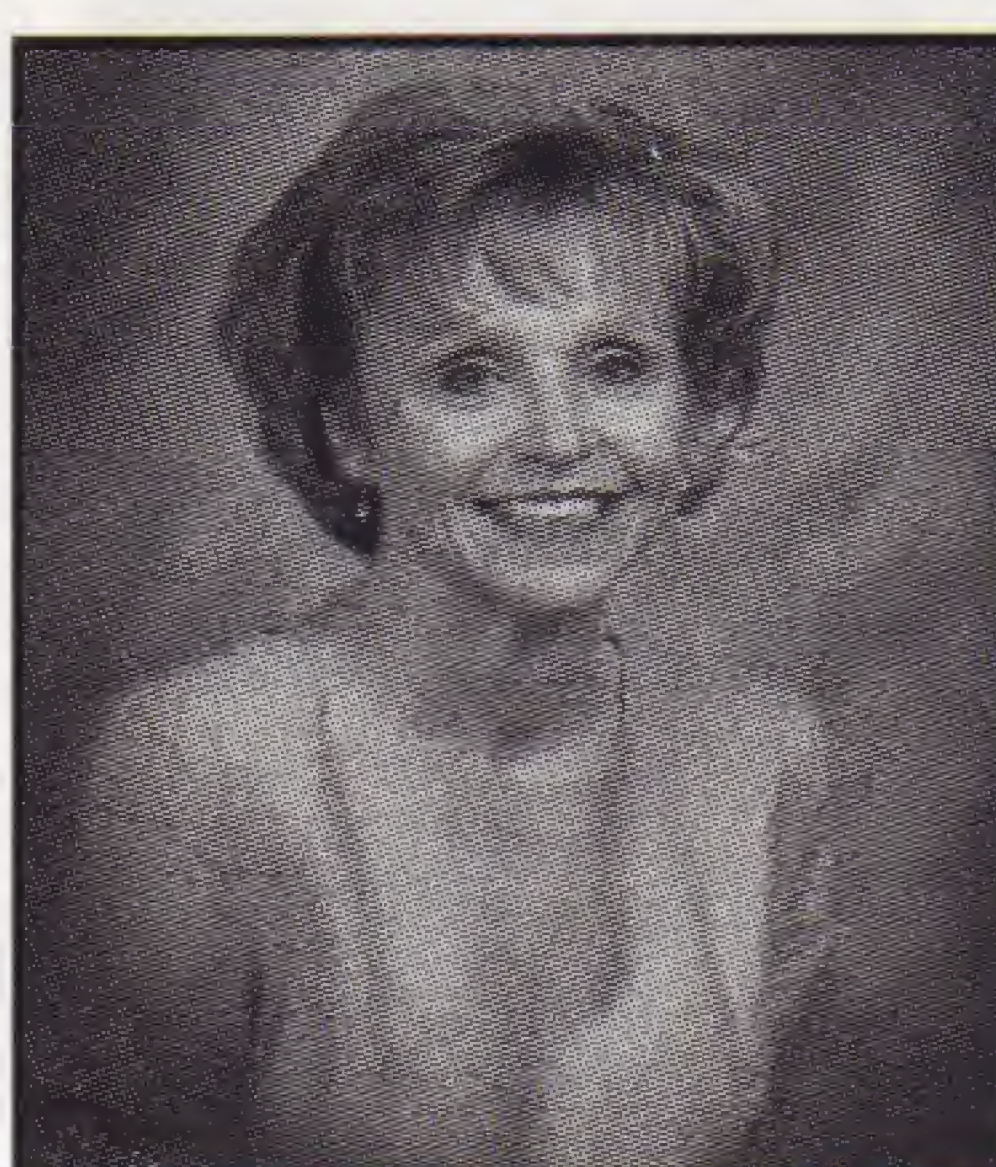
Her professional work experience also includes corporate manager of training for Kinder-Care Learning Centers, Inc., basic skills specialist (North Alabama) for the Alabama State Department of Education, and 11 years as a classroom teacher with Cullman County and Birmingham City Schools.

Dr. Folsom earned a B.S. degree in history from Auburn University. She holds a M.A. degree from UAB and a Doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama.

She is currently serving as president of the Instructional Officers' Association for the Alabama College System and has held the offices of vice-president and secretary for that association.

She has also served as president, vice-president and secretary for the Council for Alabama Resource Development for 2-year colleges. She represents her college on the Articulation and General Studies Committee for the Alabama College System and has served on the Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee for at-risk students.

Dr. Folsom is also active in civic and community activities. She has served as president of the Head Start Policy Council for North Central Alabama, a board of directors member for Daystar Shelter for homeless women and children, a board of directors member for Victims Services, Cullman County Extension Service Advisory Board, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Cullman Rose Society. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Cullman.



Dr. Linda J. Hooton is a 1979 graduate of the former Brewer State Junior College in Fayette. As a graduate of one of Alabama's two-year colleges, she applauds the work of the Alabama College Association. Dr. Hooton serves as the Director of Student Services at Jefferson State Community College. She has fifteen years experience in the Alabama College System.

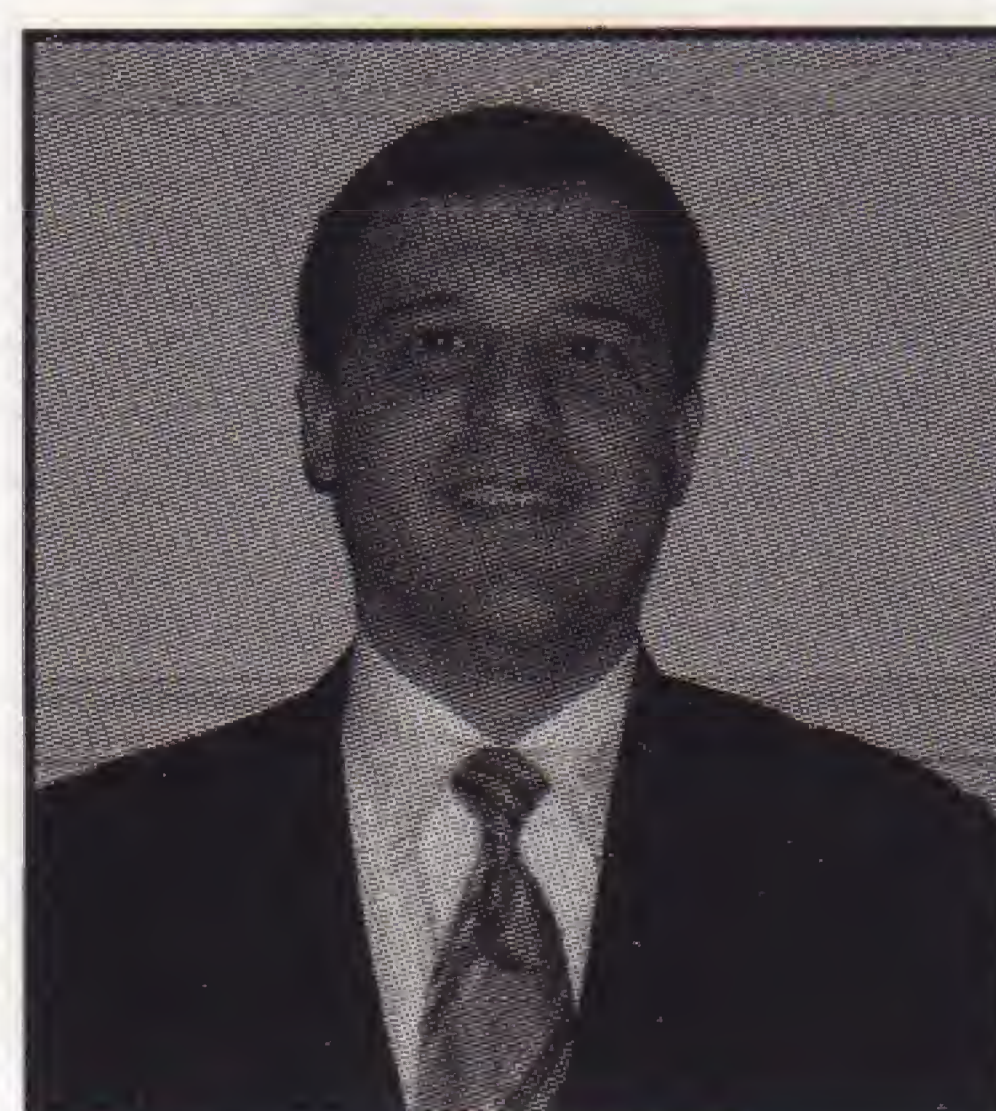
She currently serves as the treasurer of the Alabama College Association. Other leadership roles in ACA have included serving as the chairman of the developmental education interest group and chairman of the commission for students.

Dr. Hooton graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in special education from the University of North Alabama and earned a doctorate in special education administration from the University of Alabama. She is a 1992 graduate of the Kellogg Institute at Appalachian State University and earned certification in developmental education. She has additional graduate work in student personnel administration at the University of Alabama.

She currently serves as the president of the Alabama College System Deans of Student Affairs Association. She is a board member for the All-Alabama Academic Program and serves on the planning committee.

Dr. Hooton is currently active in many civic and community organizations. She is president of the Birmingham East Rotary Club and president of the Eastern Women's Committee of Fifty. She serves as corresponding secretary and webmaster for Beta State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Dr. Hooton serves as a board member for Eastern Health Foundation at Medical Center East Hospital. She has served on visiting allocation teams for the United Way of Central Alabama for several years and has served as a board member for the Shepherd's Center East Senior Adult Center.

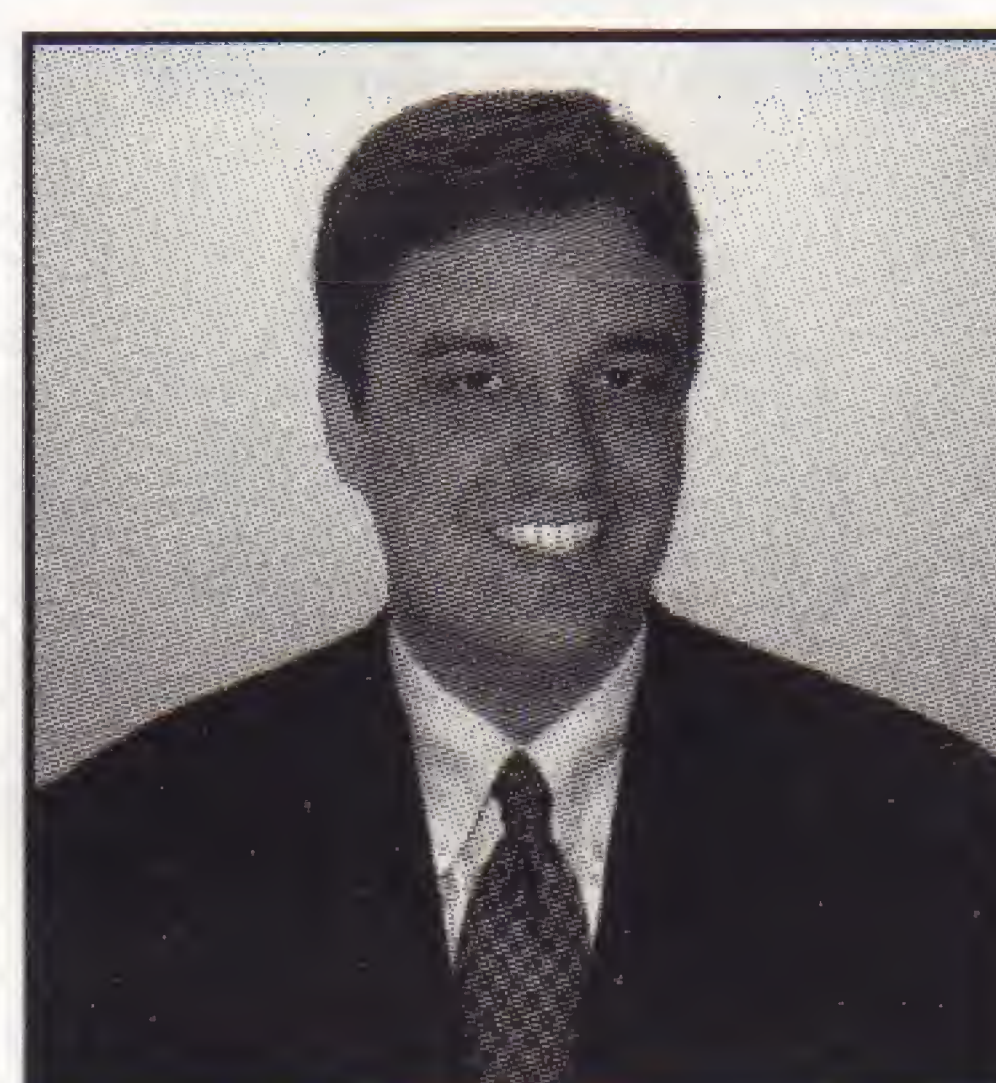
Dr. Hooton realizes that the Alabama College Association strengthens our colleges through professional growth and development opportunities. Serving her colleagues in the Alabama College Association has been her honor.



Mr. Ben Jordan is the Business Manager at Southern Union State Community College. He has served seven years in that position and three years as an instructor. Prior to his employment at Southern Union, Ben worked in public accounting.

Ben is a graduate of Southern Union State Community College with an A.S. degree, the University of Alabama with a B.S. degree in accounting, and Auburn University with a M.A. degree in business administration. He is a State of Alabama certified public accountant.

Ben's educational activities at Southern Union include being a standing member of the college executive committee, chairing the college judiciary committee, serving on the college steering committee for SACS reaffirmation, receiving the annual Phi Theta Kappa faculty scholar award, acting as treasurer of the Central Alabama Skills Training Consortium, and representing Southern Union on the Department of Postsecondary Education's financial aid and business officers professional development committee. Ben is a member of the Alabama Society of CPAs and is active in numerous civic and professional groups.



Mr. Jody Upchurch is currently the Assistant Dean of Business Operations at John C. Calhoun Community College. Prior to his service at the college, he was a fiscal analyst for the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education.

Mr. Upchurch served as treasurer of the Alabama College System Financial Management Association for five years. He also served as a member of the Association's Standards Committee and is currently a member of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws Committee. He is a 2001 graduate of the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy. He currently serves on the President's Cabinet at Calhoun Community College.

He earned a B.S. degree in finance and a M.B.A. from Auburn University at Montgomery.



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CALL FOR

PRESENTATIONS

The Alabama College Association Annual Conference will be held November 23-25, 2003 in Birmingham. The 2003 conference theme is Connecting Communities, Colleges, and Careers. The conference format will consist of four tracks:

- I. Teaching and Learning
- II. Student Success
- III. Staff Development
- IV. Leadership

Proposals for presentations are invited for each of the four conference tracks. Presentations will be scheduled in one hour blocks.

Deadline for Submission is August 15, 2003

Proposals for presentations should be submitted to Dr. Stafford Thompson via email at sthompson@eocc.edu or fax to (334) 393-6223.

Name _____ Phone _____

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Track: ☐ Teaching and Learning ☐ Student Success
 ☐ Staff Development ☐ Leadership

Presentation Topic: _____

Brief Abstract of Presentation (50 words or less):

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All rooms will be equipped with microphone, overhead projector, and screen. Please indicate your preference for room seating: ☐ Theater (Rows of Chairs) ☐ Classroom (Tables/Chairs)

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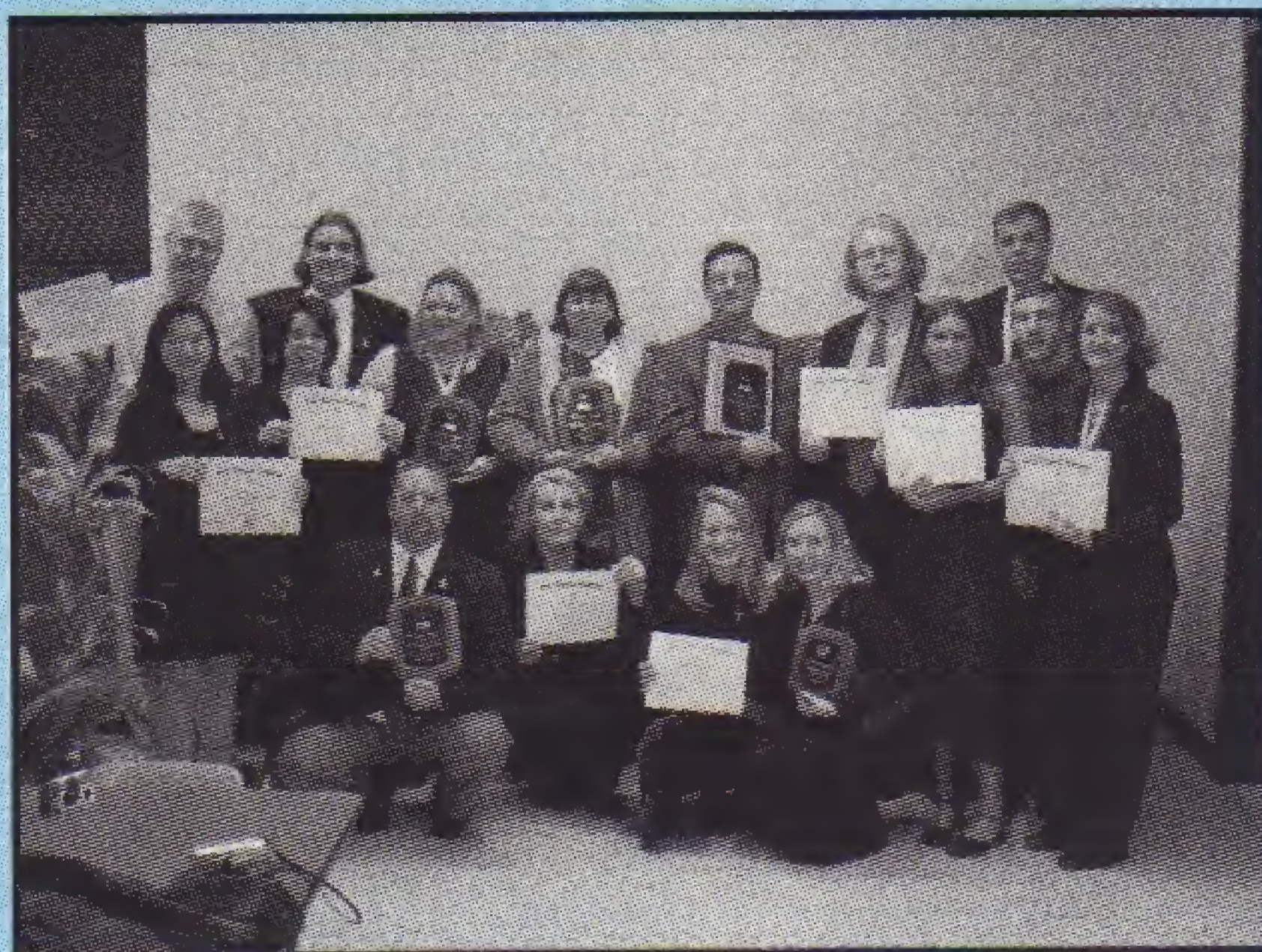
Jefferson State Chapters Combine To Win Phi Theta Kappa Awards

With 32 chapters of Phi Theta Kappa in Alabama, many student groups would be happy to win just one of the 15 major awards handed out at the group's state convention in February. But for the two chapters representing Jefferson State Community College, it wasn't enough to stop at one award or even a half dozen. The two groups combined to sweep eight of the 15 awards given statewide.

The Beta Lambda Delta chapter was only organized last June, but it brought home the award as Most Distinguished Chapter. Harris said his chapter's performance wouldn't have been possible without the support and co-operation of the Pi Pi chapter at Jeff State's Northeast campus.

"Since this chapter was brand new just a few months ago, the students and advisors of the Pi Pi chapter deserve a tremendous amount of credit for helping us figure out what we were doing and how to be a successful chapter," Harris said. "I'm very proud of our accomplishments, but I know that we couldn't have done it without the help of Pi Pi."

The state organization chooses first, second and third place winners in each of four categories, each considered a "hallmark" of the organization's ideals: fellowship, service, leadership and scholarship. The two Jeff State chapters won top honors in three of the four categories and also took three runner-up awards.



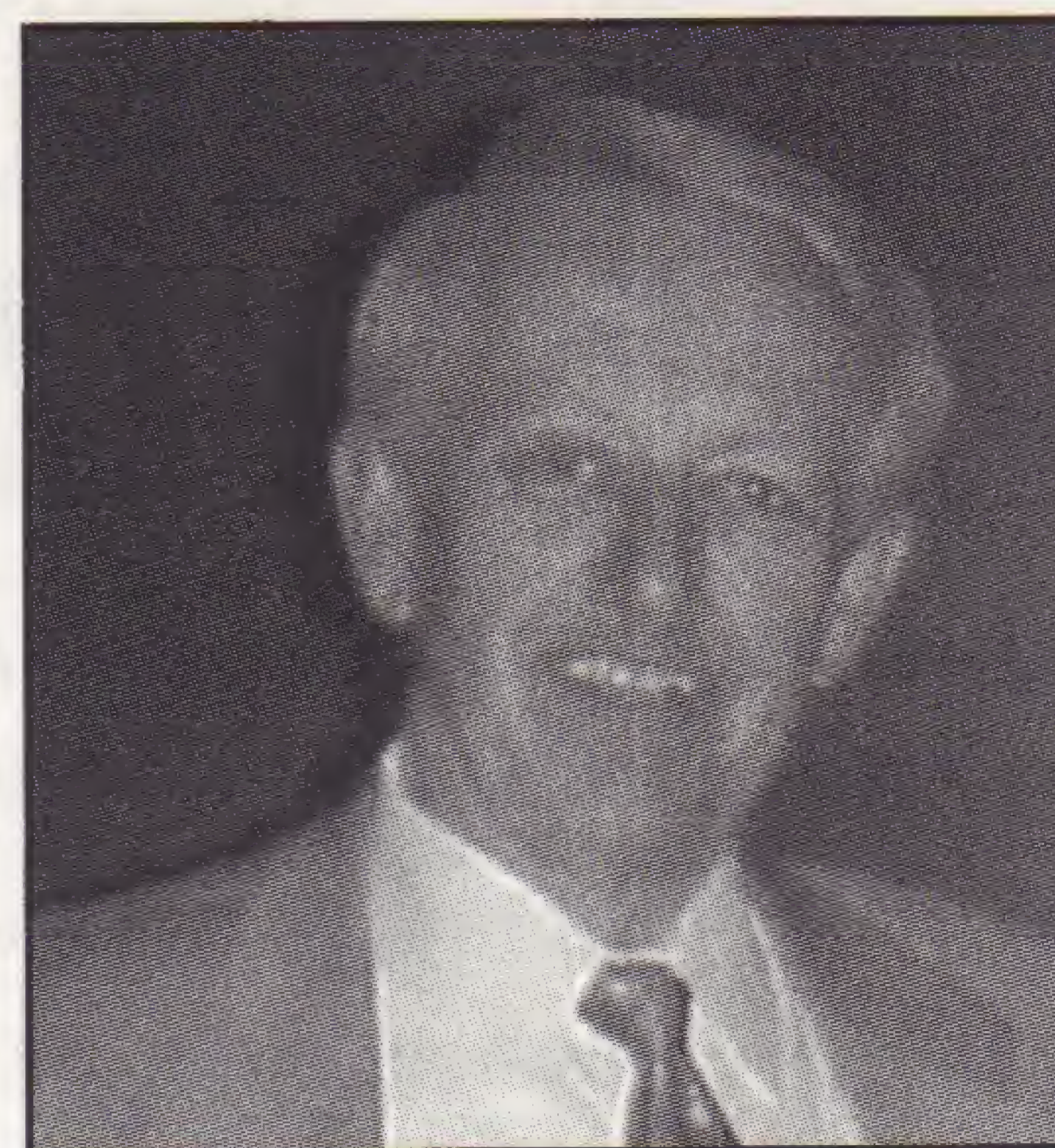
Out of 32 chapters in the Alabama Region, Jefferson State Beta Lambda Delta and Pi Pi chapters took home eight of the 15 places in the chapter awards and Most Distinguished Chapter at Phi Theta Kappa's Alabama Regional Convention.

GSCC Dean Receives Award

Gadsden State Community College Dean of Instructional Services Dr. James (Jim) Jolly, Jr. is the recipient of a U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Special Seminar to China award. Dean Jolly traveled to Washington, D.C. on June 9 for three days of pre-departure orientation before traveling to China June 12 -26.

Jolly and eleven other representatives from colleges and universities across the U.S. will visit four areas in China. The visit will begin in Beijing, the capital of China and home to many of China's top universities, major governmental offices, and sites of cultural interest. The seminar will then travel to Xi'an, Yunnan, and Shanghai.

While visiting schools, colleges, technical colleges, and universities in Beijing, Xi'an, Yunnan, and Shanghai, Dean Jolly will participate in round-table discussion on issues relating to the quality of education and cultural preservation; conversations on exchange possibilities;



and exploration of cultural tradition and sites of historical importance. This Special Seminar Abroad was developed to support opportunities for short-term study abroad during the summer for education personnel who have limited or no experience in the host country. This particular Special Seminar to China is designed to strengthen curricula in area and global studies and to contribute to the overall improvement of international education throughout the educational structure of the United States.

The overall goals of the Seminar to China are: to increase awareness of the benefits of international exchange between American and Chinese communities; to help participants learn about China through the sharing of views and experiences on issues concerning postsecondary education and the relationships between education and cultural heritage; and to explore the possibility of establishing linkages for future campus-to-campus exchanges.

CCC Part of National Community College Technology Consortium Awarded \$3 Million NSF Grant

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a \$3 million, three-year grant to the Community Colleges for Innovative Technology Transfer (CCITT), of which Calhoun is a member, to establish a National Aerospace Science Technical Education Center (SpaceTEC™). The grant was awarded for a period from Summer 2002 - through Summer of 2005.

The CCITT is a national consortium of community colleges with direct links to NASA centers located adjacent to the respective college. In addition to Calhoun, other CCITT member institutions involved in the SpaceTEC™ initiative are Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, CA; Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL; Community College of the Air Force, Montgomery, AL; Cuyahoga Community College,

Cleveland, OH; Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS; Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD; San Jacinto College District, Pasadena, TX; and Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, FL.

According to Jim Swindell, assistant dean for technology education at Calhoun and co-principal investigator for the NSF grant, SpaceTEC™ will set a national direction and focus for space technology education through the development of an industry driven, government endorsed, national program to train aerospace technicians. "SpaceTEC™ is serving as a national resource to strengthen the nation's technical education base and motivate interest in academics," said Swindell.

Dr. Marilyn Beck Named Calhoun's Fourth President

During its November 2002 monthly meeting, the Alabama State Board of Education unanimously approved the selection of Dr. Marilyn C. Beck as the fourth president of Calhoun Community College. The appointment makes Dr. Beck the first woman named to head the institution in the permanent position.

An Alabama native, Dr. Beck came to Calhoun from Lord Fairfax Community College in Winchester, VA, where she served as president for 14 years.



No stranger to Alabama's higher education system, Dr. Beck served as dean of academic affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace State Community College in Andalusia, and as a math professor at Auburn and Troy State Universities prior to her tenure at Lord Fairfax.

As president of Lord Fairfax, Dr. Beck was credited with leading the successful growth of the college. During her tenure, the college added a second campus and became one of few schools to start a Work-Keys program, an American College Testing (ACT) program that

assesses business needs and identifies needed work skills for high school students and displaced workers. Calhoun began a similar program several years ago. She also has a strong background in fundraising, having played a major role in raising \$15 million for construction of a performing arts center at Lord Fairfax.

GSCC President's Student Service Awards

Each year the President's Student Service Awards recognize those students who have contributed at least 100 hours of community service during a 12-month period. This year 29 Gadsden State Community College students qualified for this prestigious award.

These young men and women donated their time and talents to a variety of community agencies, faith-based organizations and schools in order to serve others.

They worked with the mentally handicapped, assisted senior citizens, and tutored children in schools. In countless ways they have given back to their communities through volunteering on a regular basis, participating in community service activities, or enrolling in the college's service learning program. Their work with agencies like the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Family Success Center, and others, as well as their time spent at

schools and with various youth groups at churches, has made a tremendous difference in the lives of those they have served.

Collectively these 29 students gave back to their communities almost 5,000 hours of service, and they did it while going to school, working either part- or full-time, and taking care of their own families—an incredible achievement. These students received a certificate signed by President George W. Bush along with a beautiful blue and gold enameled pin.



Jefferson State SIFE Team Wins Regional Championship



Jefferson State Community College's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team matched their educational and business projects against other programs in the 2003 SIFE Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair on March 31 in Birmingham and won the Regional Championship.

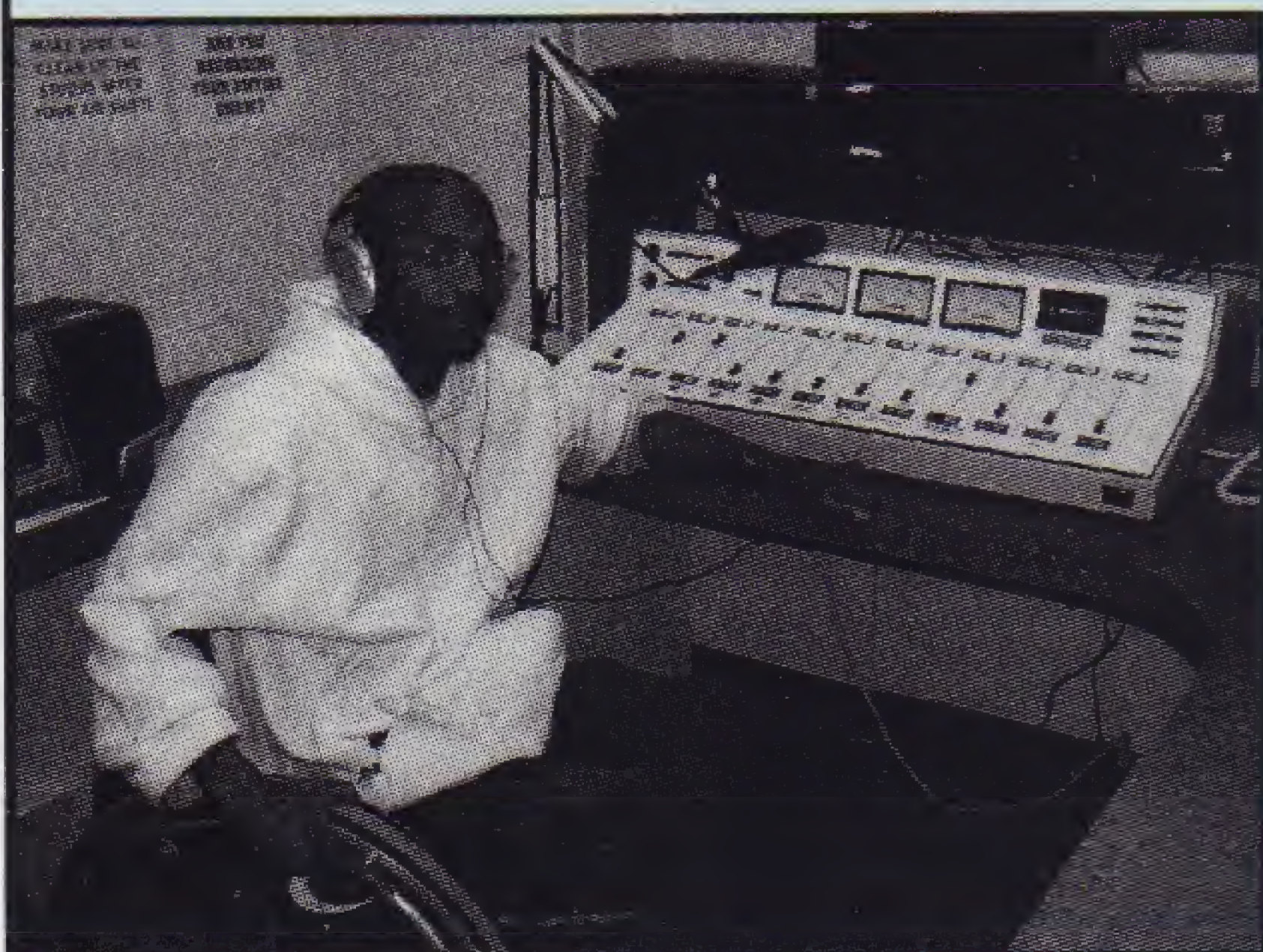
The team presented their programs to a panel of local and national business leaders and entrepreneurs who rated the overall effectiveness of each project. Students also met with dozens of corporate representatives from the Birmingham business community to discuss job opportunities.

The projects presented by the Jefferson State students included the Apparel for Success Clothes Closet which provides a free interviewing outfit to graduates of the college programs, the annual Student Entrepreneur Business Competition, and the SIFE Entrepreneur Educational Development Services (SEEDS), which is a small business incubator for students and community clients.

SIFE encourages students to take what they are learning in the classroom and apply it to real-life situations, and to use their knowledge to better their communities through educational and business outreach projects.

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Jefferson State Disability Awareness Week Tackles Damaging Attitudes



Jefferson State Communications Student Lorenza Mitchell works as a DJ at the Jefferson State radio station. Mitchell studies radio broadcasting and broadcasts live on Friday afternoons on WJSR 91.1 FM.

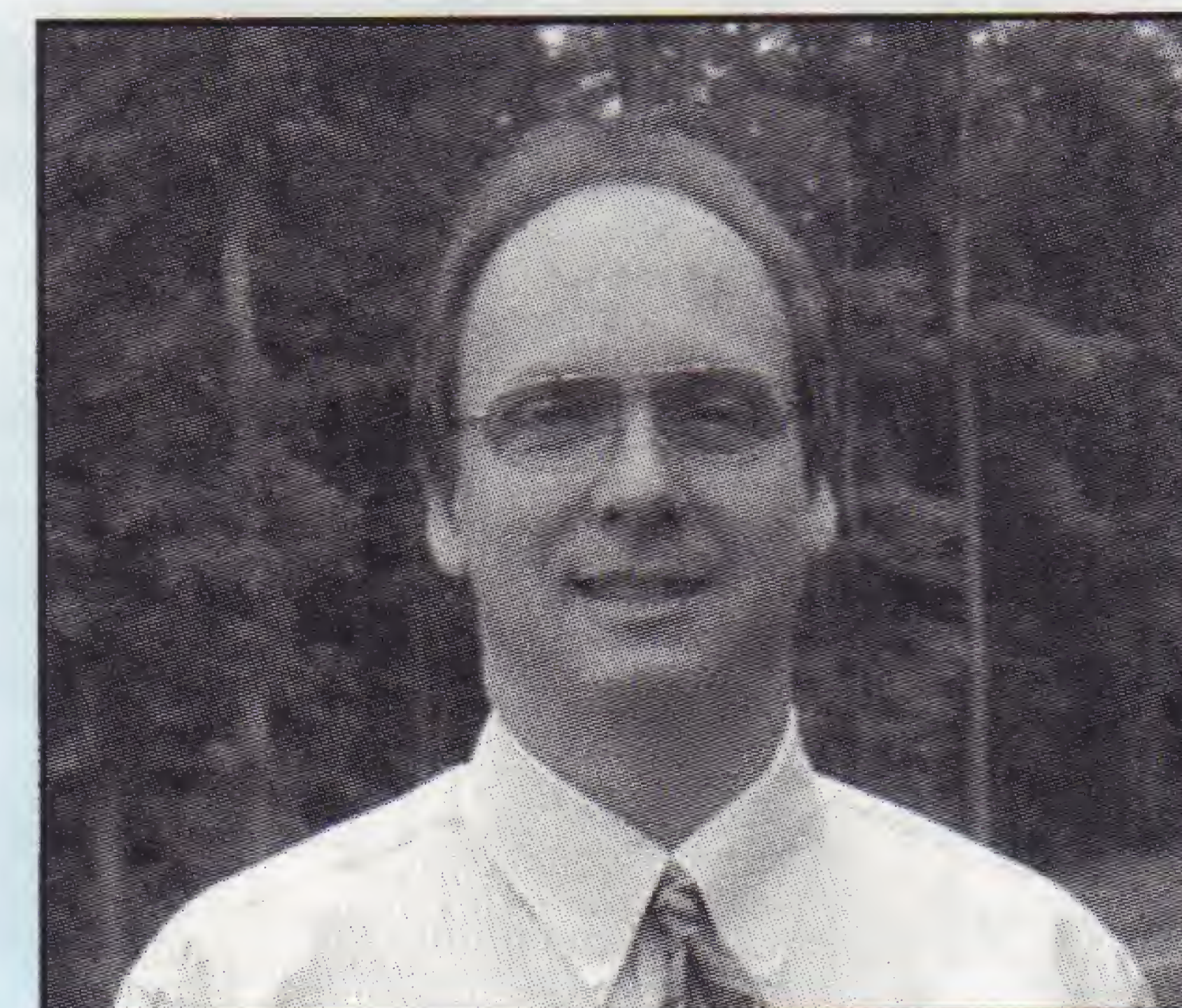
On April 7-11, Jefferson State observed Disability Awareness Week with a variety of engaging activities to promote this year's theme of "Attitudes are the Real Disability."

"Students with disabilities are not asking for an advantage over other students," said Jefferson State ADA Director Martha Smith. "These students should not be treated better or worse, simply equal."

During the week, students with disabilities provided information to the campus and the community about many of the disabilities covered under the ADA. Students in wheelchairs also evaluated the campus for physical accessibility. Their findings along with results of a student survey were presented to Jefferson State President Judy Merritt. In addition, a faculty workshop was held to help instructors gain a clear understanding of the most appropriate methods of including persons with disabilities in their programs. The workshop emphasized the necessity of total inclusion to make wide-spread and lasting change.

"Disability Awareness Week challenged everyone to examine their attitudes toward people with disabilities," said Smith. "The week hopefully impacted attitudes and illustrated that our office will continue to be an advocate for disabled students."

There are an estimated 50 million Americans with disabilities in this country and since the Americans with Disability Act was passed in 1990, more students with disabilities are attending college and receiving accommodations to gain equal access to all classes and functions.



CVCC Administrator Receives Award

Mr. Johnny McMoy, director of institutional effectiveness, at Chattahoochee Valley Community College presented a paper at the Tennessee Association for Institutional Research (TENNAIR) annual conference. McMoy's paper took 3rd place in the "William L. McCulley III, Best Paper Award" competition. This prestigious award is named in honor of William L. McCulley III, a college researcher who was killed in a plane crash.

McMoy's paper was entitled "If Change Is Good, Then Why Do I Have an Ulcer? Participatory Planning and Assessment." The title humorously alludes to the resistance that comes with any change, including those that greatly benefit an organization. McMoy's presentation covered the importance of having broad-based participation in college's strategic planning process. "I believe that when you plan, you create the future and when you don't, the future creates you," stated McMoy.

McMoy was also a presenter at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools annual meeting in San Antonio in 2002. In addition, he received several awards in national poetry competitions in 2002, including first-place prizes from the Missouri State Poetry Society and the Alabama State Poetry Society.

Lake Named Distinguished Advisor

Dr. Charles Lake, of Faulkner State Community College, was named Distinguished Regional Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa. Lake received this honor at the February regional meeting held at Enterprise Junior College.

Lake has been an advisor to the Faulkner PTK chapter for over seven years. "Charles works very well with the students," said Lena Dexter, PTK co-advisor. "He is always there ready to lend a hand, help the students, and ensure that our chapter stays on track."

BSCC Auto Body Repair gets NATEF & ASE Certification

The Automotive Body Repair Program at Bishop State Community College has received certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

To achieve this recognition, the training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities and equipment were used. Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that the College be certified by ASE, a national, non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying technician training programs.

Certification has been awarded to Bishop State's Automotive Body Repair Program in the following areas: electrical, mechanical, structural, nonstructural and refinishing. The program, instructed by Richard (Rick) Everett, had more than 20 students enrolled this past spring semester.

NATEF Board of Trustees Chair Al Duebber said, "This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents in the Mobile area. Certification of automotive training programs increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders."

"It also gives added assurance that Bishop State Community College graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result, the motoring public will benefit since more qualified repair technicians will join the work force," Duebber said.

The program is certified for a period of five years, after which it will be reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet industry standards and adjusts to the latest technological advances in the rapidly changing automotive world.

Wallace State—Athens State Partnership Strengthened Through University Center

Wallace State and Athens State are expanding their partnership to make the University Center concept a reality. Junior and senior level classes leading to a baccalaureate degree will be offered by Athens State on the Wallace State campus this fall.

"My goal as acting president of Wallace State Community College is to immediately begin the process of developing a solid foundation that will allow our students the opportunity to obtain a four-year degree here at Wallace State," said Dr. Allen B. Champion, acting president of Wallace State.

"We think Athens State University is one of the best values in higher education. It is an institution of proven quality and our partnership with them will allow us to provide a world-class education at an affordable price, easing the burden on working families by allowing students to complete their education while living at home," Champion said.

This is Athens State's first University Center partnership with a two-year college in the state.

"Today is an exciting day for our two institutions," said Athens State president Dr. Jerry Bartlett. "We can work together to help Alabama students obtain a baccalaureate education at a moderate price."

Athens State will have a permanent presence at Wallace State in a pre-existing building on campus, the exact location of which is still to be determined.

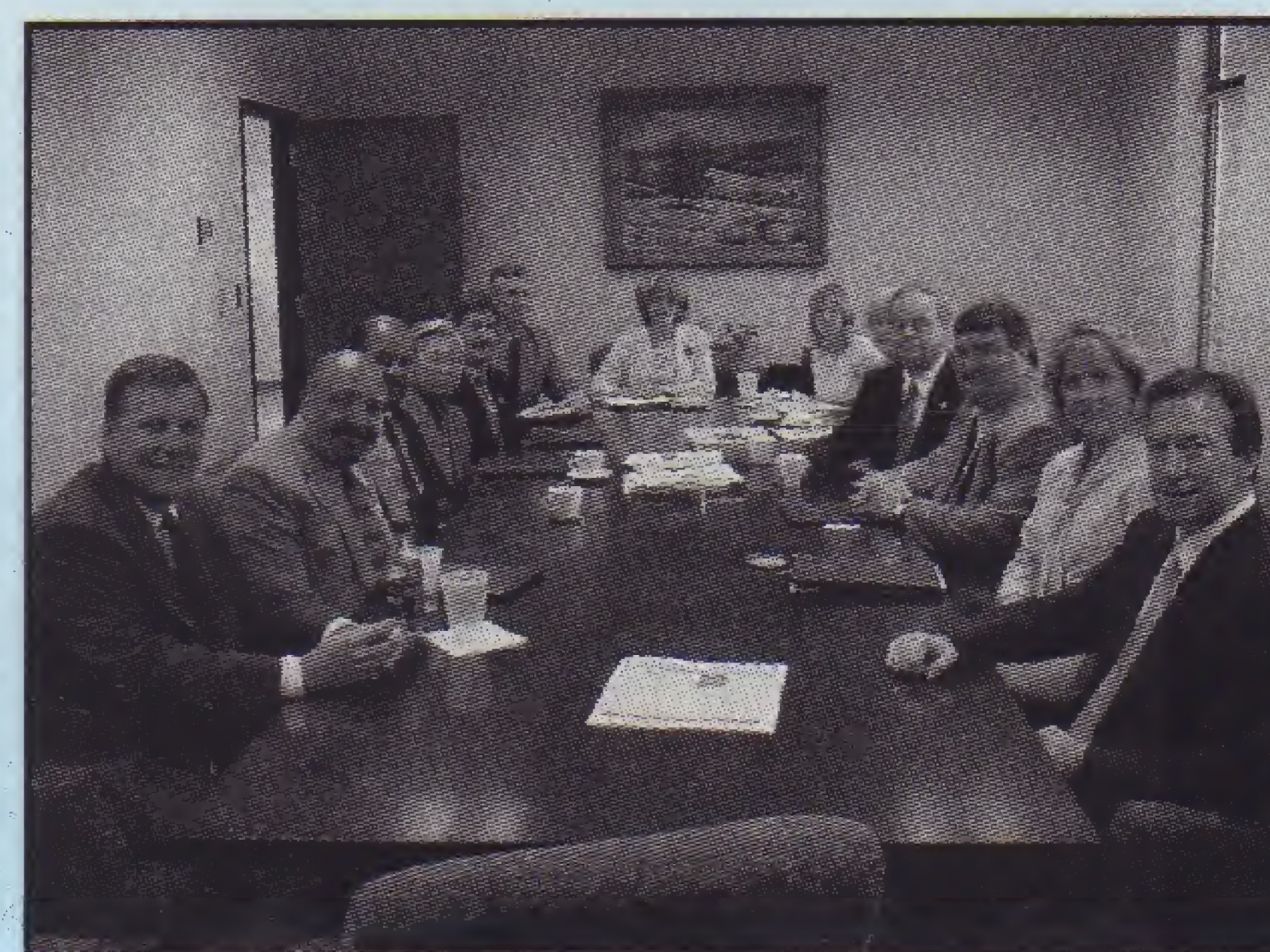
Public Safety and a B.S. in applied technology degree will be the first full programs offered.

"It will be 'one-stop shopping' for those programs," said Dr. Charles Chapman, dean of academic affairs at Athens State.

Business and education classes will continue to be taught with plans for more comprehensive programs in those areas in the immediate future.

Previously, Athens has offered several classes on the Wallace State campus, primarily in business and education on a semester-to-semester basis, but no specific program was in place.

The Athens State classes will be offered to accommodate students' work schedules.



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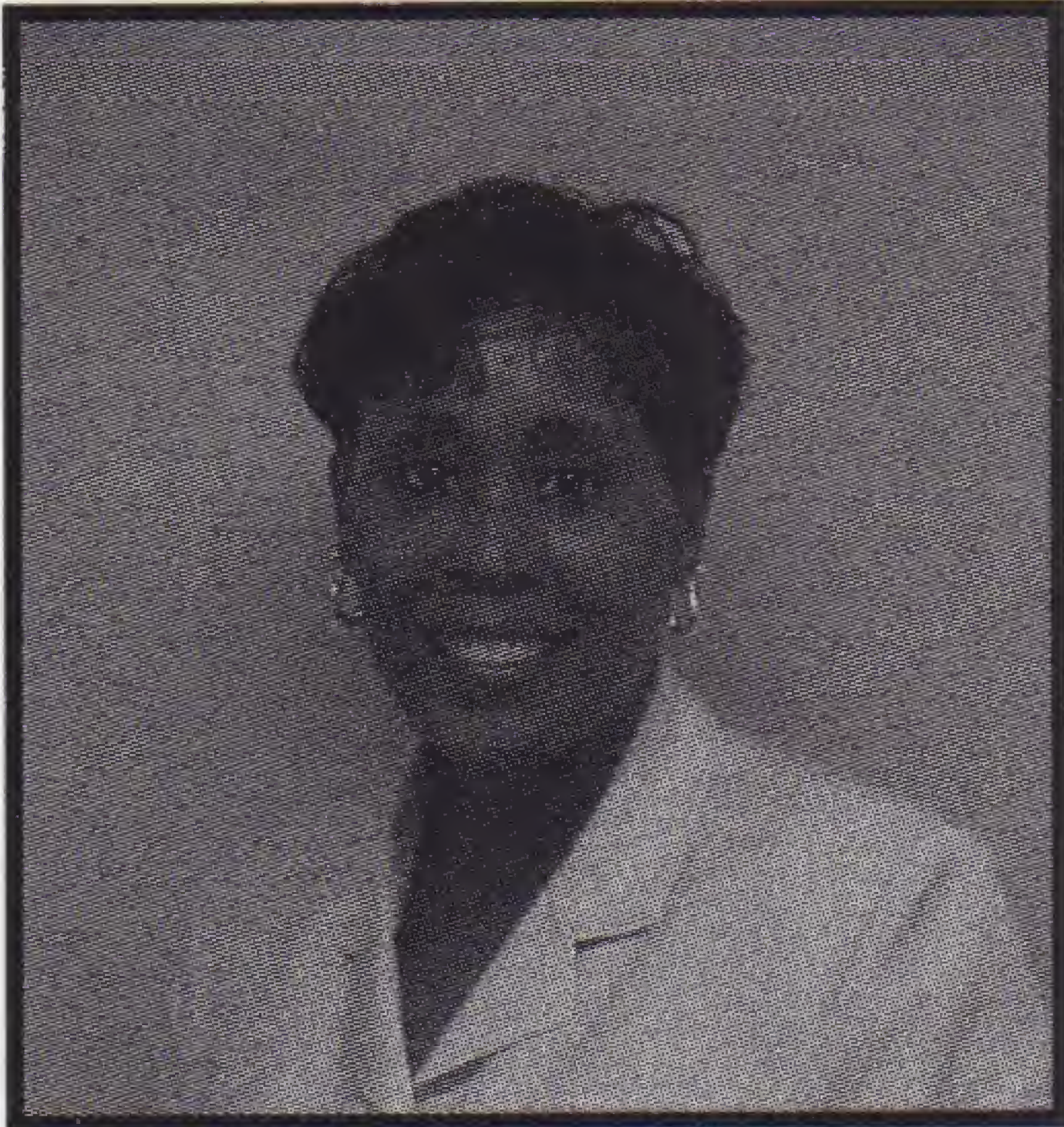
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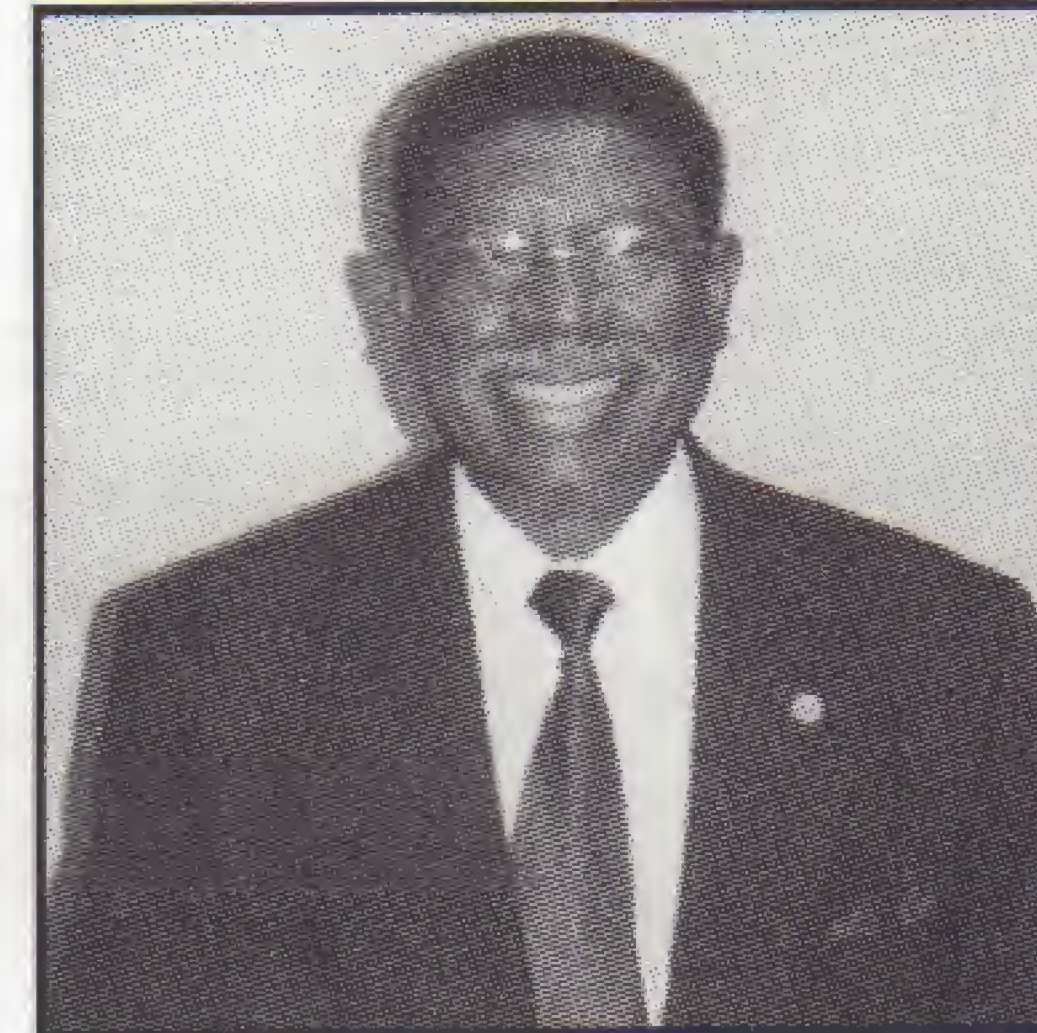
Dr. Cynthia Anthony, ACA President

It is my honor to serve as this year's president of the Alabama College Association. One of my goals as president of ACA is to encourage everyone to make the connection. What connection am I talking about? It is the special relationship each one of our institutions within the Alabama College System share; Connecting Colleges, Communities, and Careers.

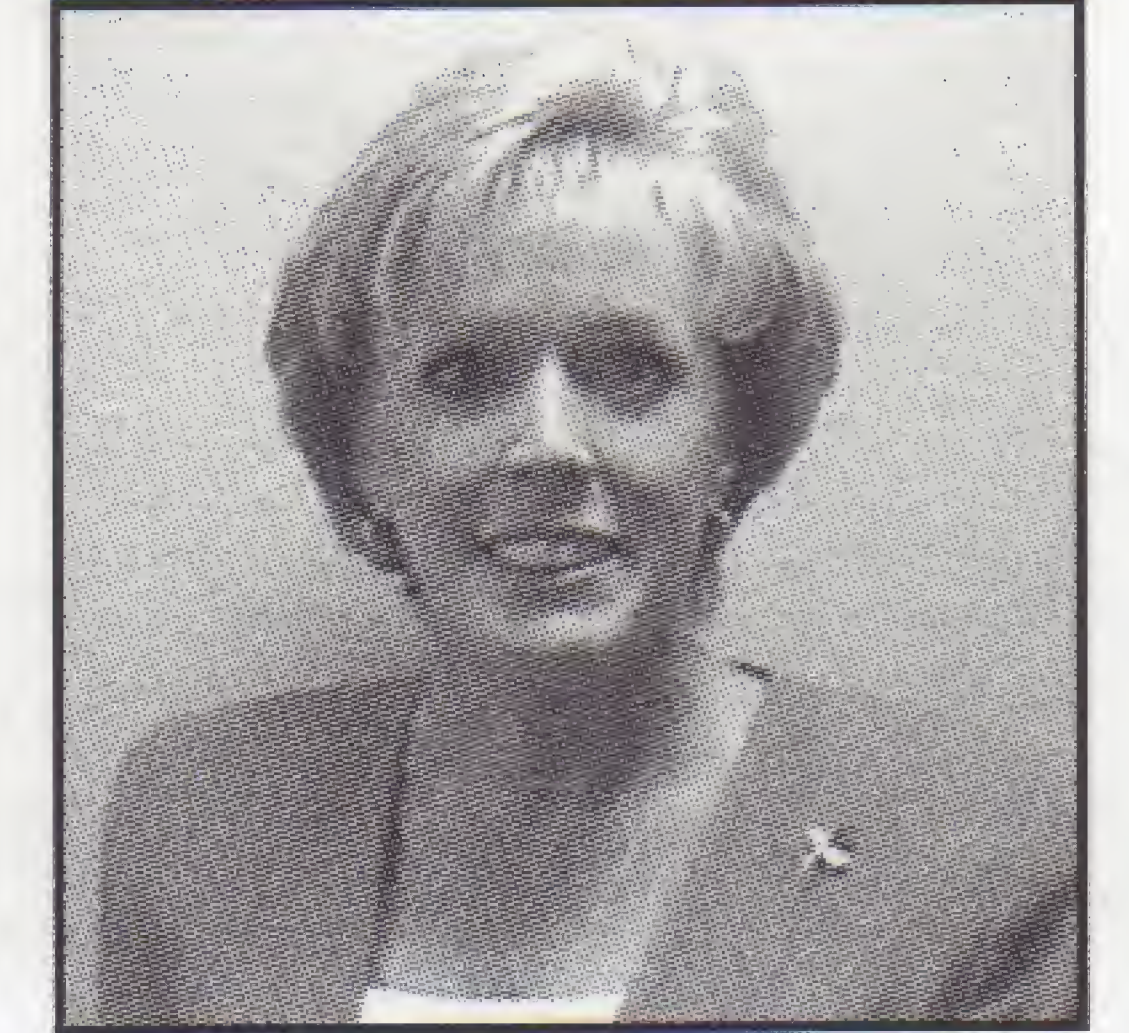
The Alabama College System is the vital link that connects these elements and ensures the success of those who take advantage of its opportunities. Our colleges influence their communities in several ways, and none are more important than the impact they have in creating a viable and productive work force made up of career-oriented people.

By preparing ourselves to meet the needs of this emerging work force, we in turn strengthen the connection we enjoy. Part of this preparation involves attending the ACA Conference November 23-25 in Birmingham. The Executive Committee has already been busy making sure that the programs presented at the conference are beneficial and appropriate in reaching our goals.

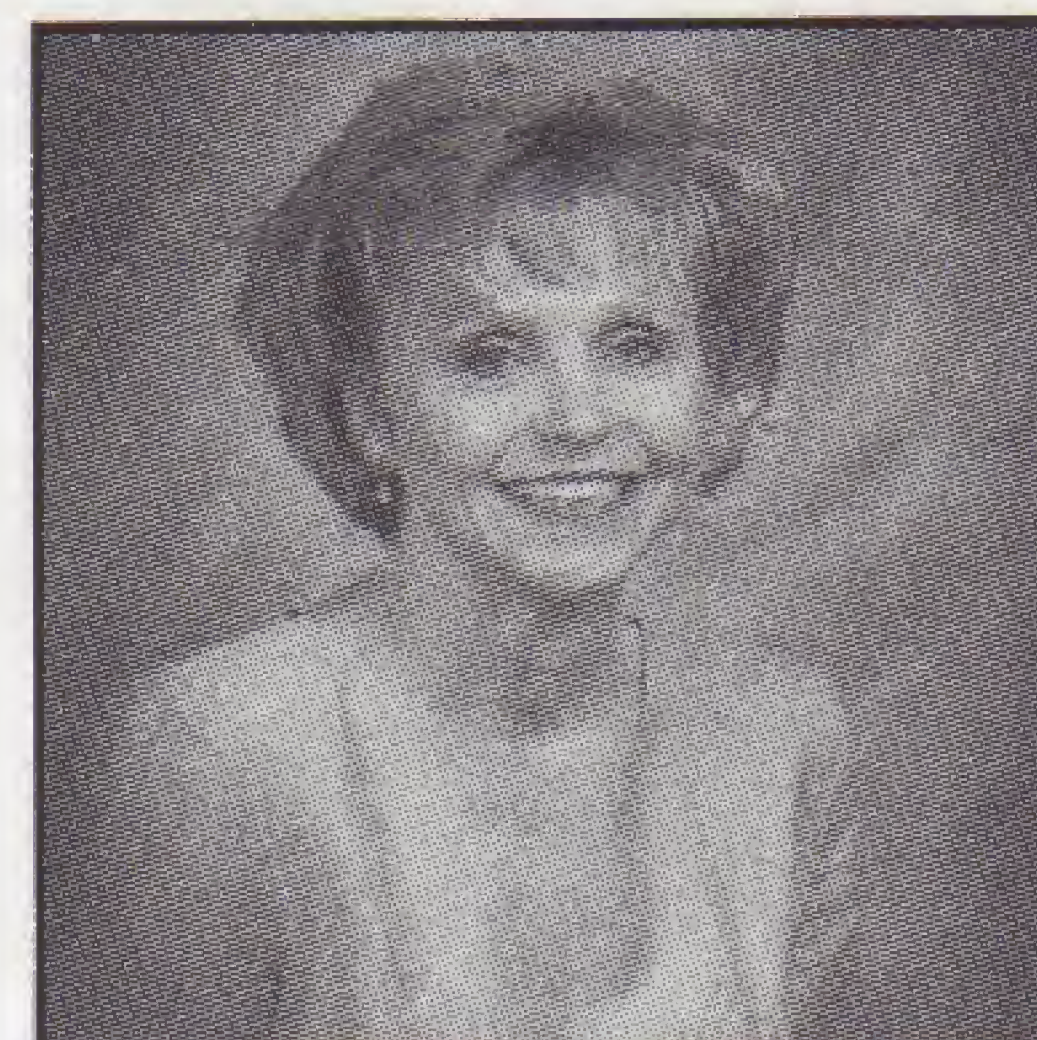
Your involvement is key in strengthening the relationship between the colleges, communities, and the careers our students pursue. So this year I encourage you all to make that connection!



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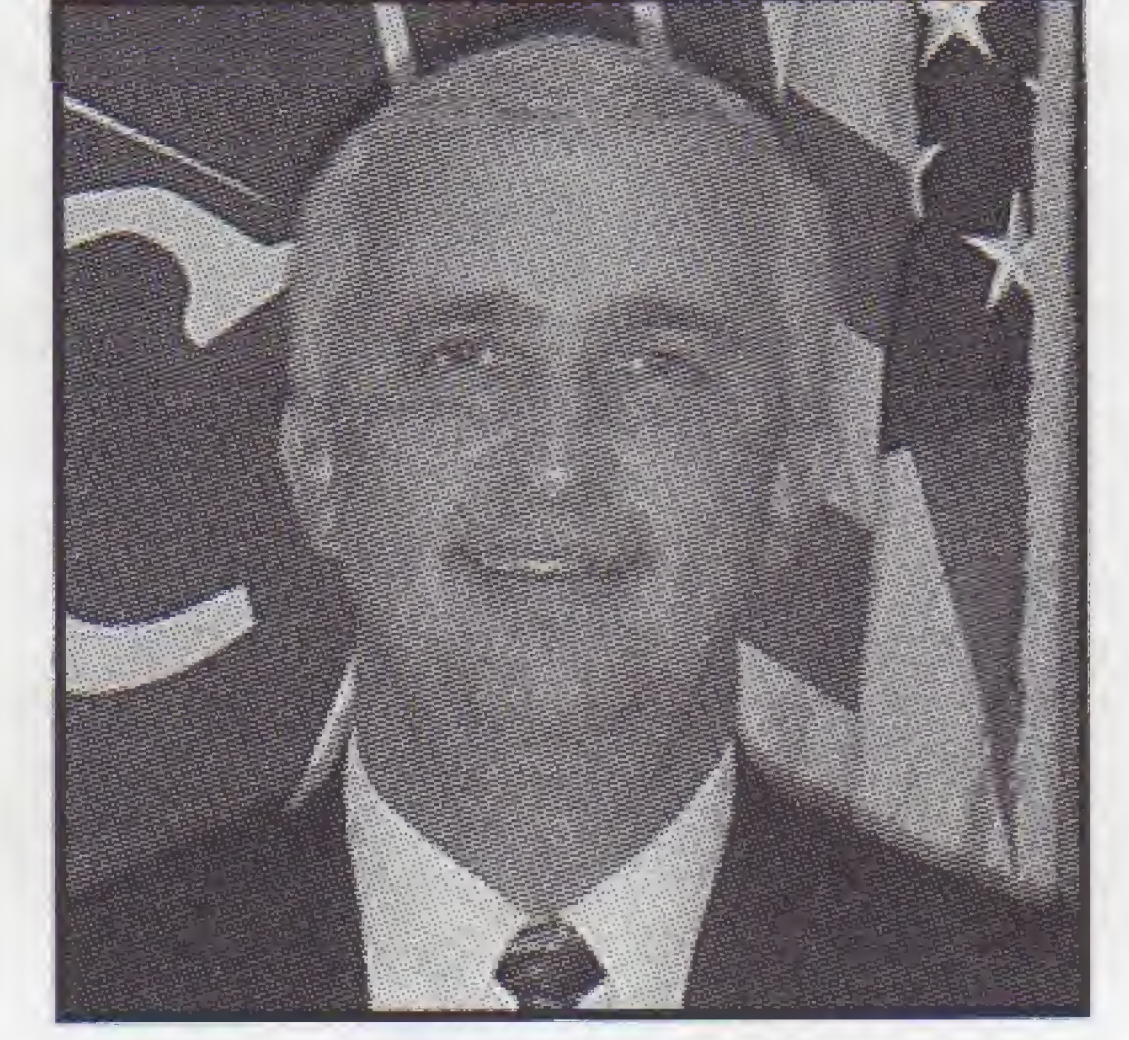
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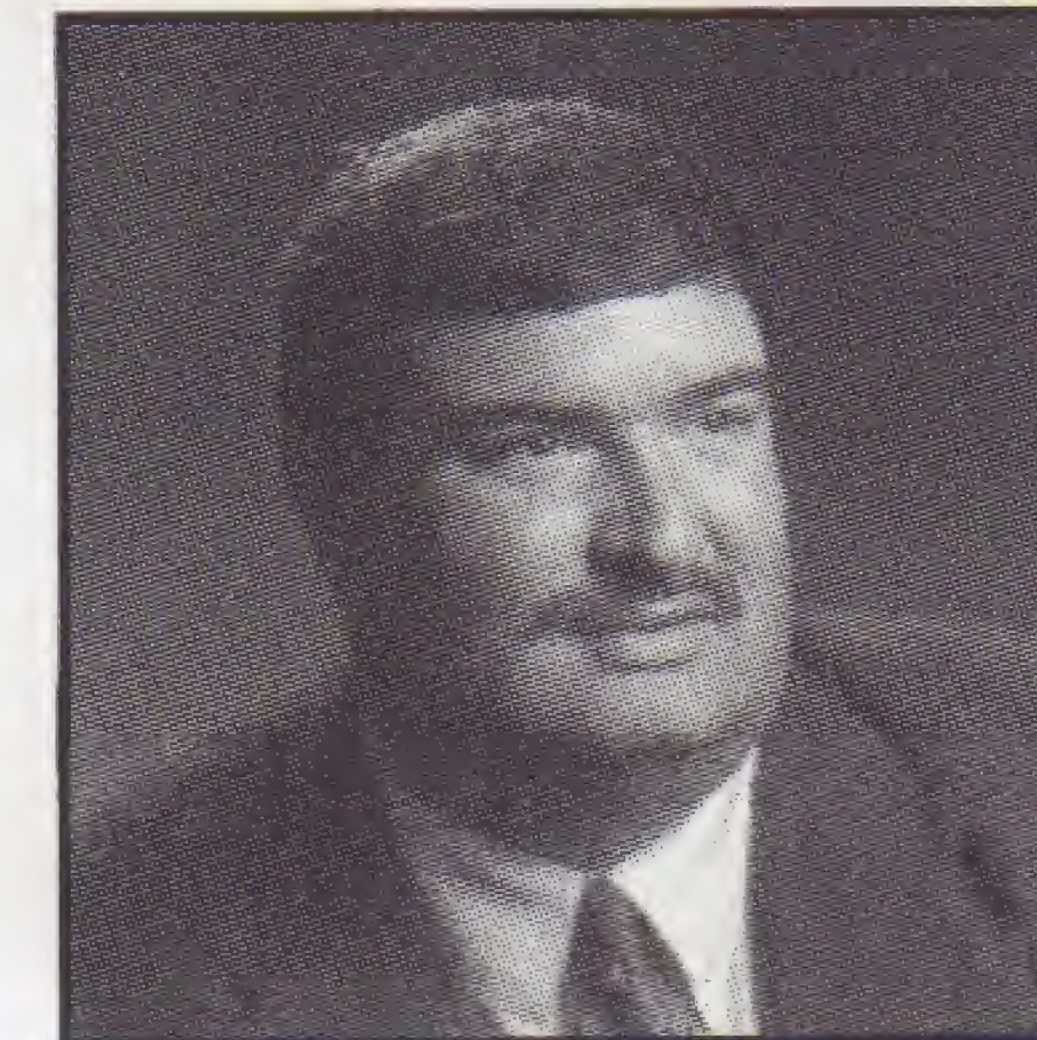
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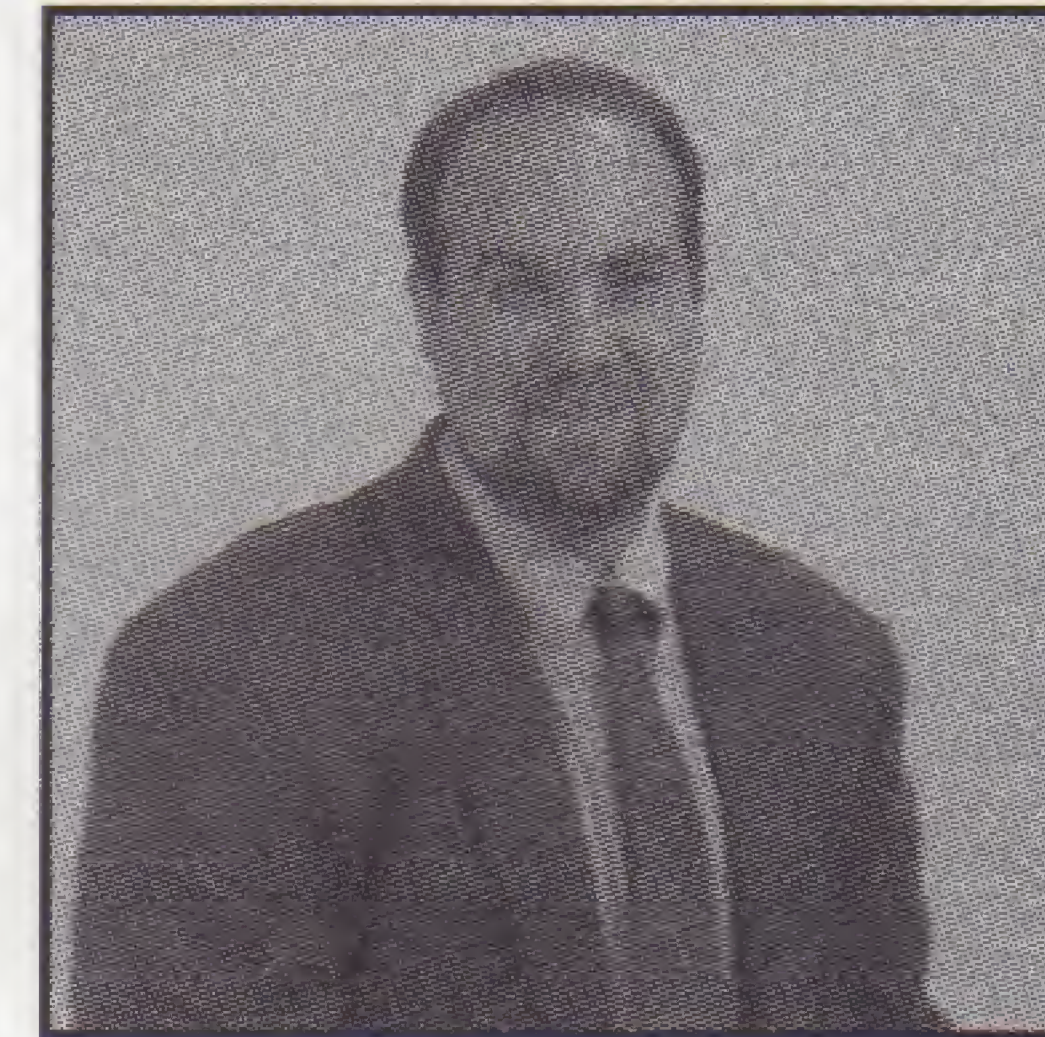
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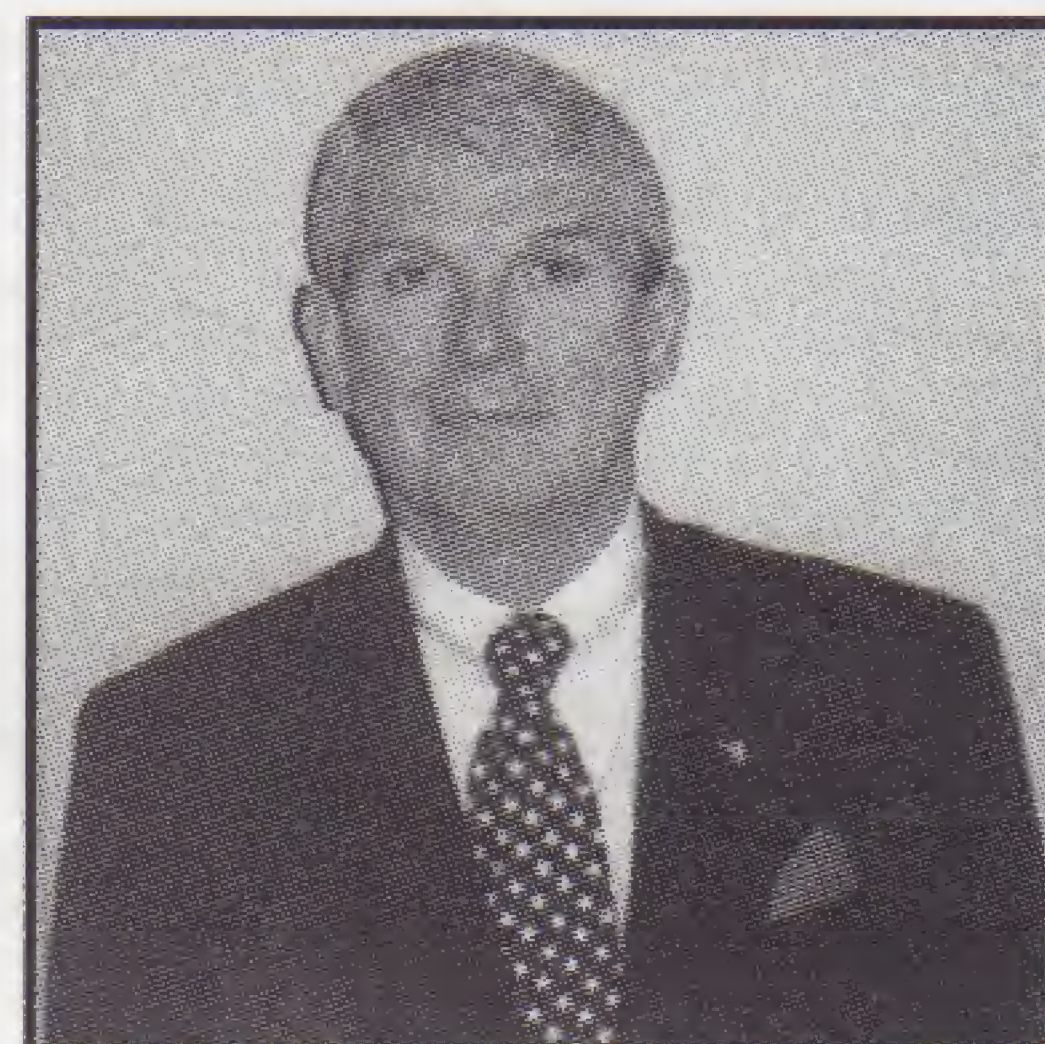
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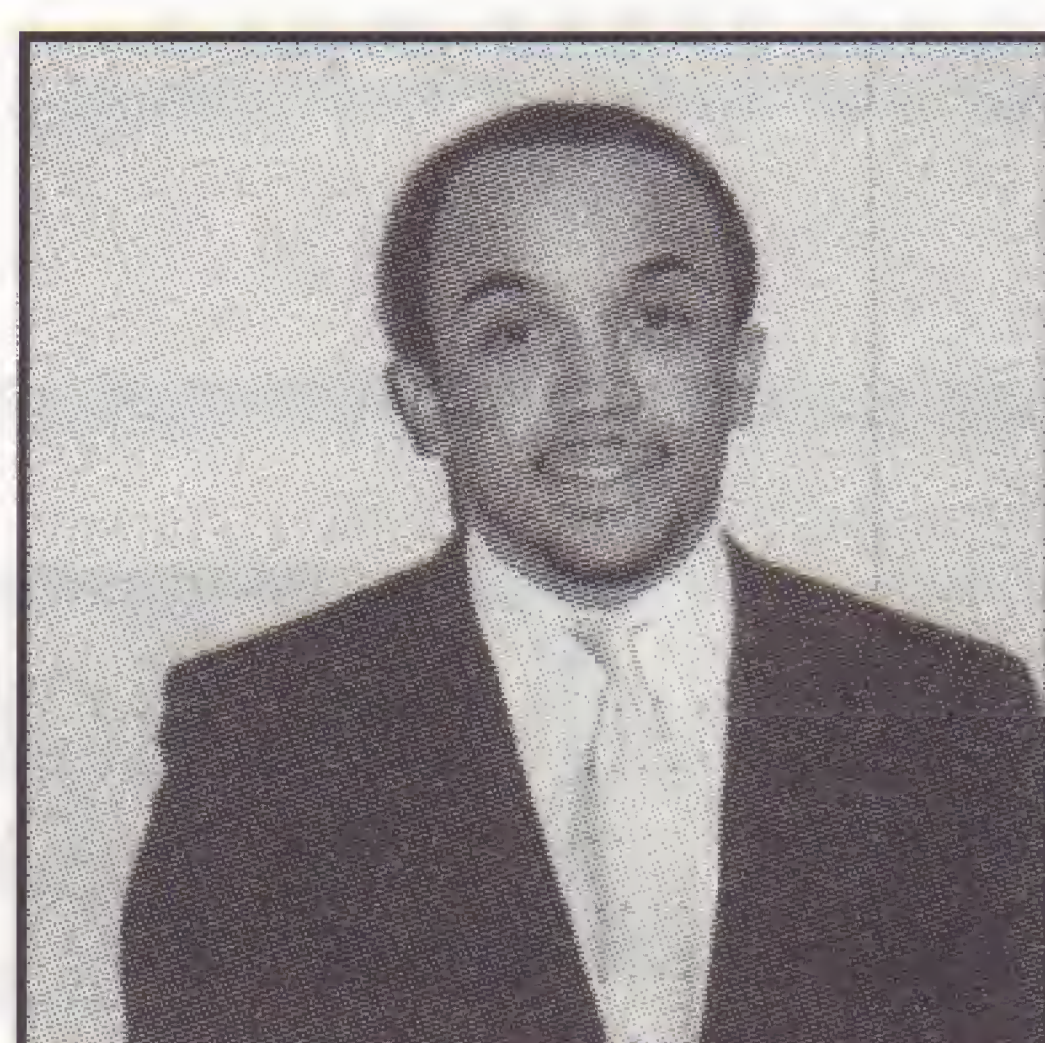
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FSCC Nursing Program Approved

Faulkner State Community College proudly announces the approval of its nursing program. The two programs of study that will be offered beginning Fall Semester 2003 are the associate degree in registered nursing and the licensed practical nursing program.

"This is a great day for Faulkner State and the entire Gulf Coast area," said Bradley Byrne, State Senator. "While I was the State Board of Education representative for this area, I saw the need for this type program of study. I was happy to help Faulkner State get this program off the ground. I'm now looking forward, as a legislator, to finding more funding to support the program and the physical facilities that will be necessary."

"The College has worked hard to get this program approved to provide this type nursing training for this area," said Gary Branch, president of Faulkner State. "We couldn't have done it without the help of all the area health care providers—North Baldwin Infirmary, South Baldwin Hospital, Thomas Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, William F. Green Veterans Home—and others. But special

thanks goes to Senator Bradley Byrne for his support of this program both as our State Board of Education representative and now our senator."

Getting a program of this magnitude accepted was no easy feat. As with any new program of study, documentation of need was necessary. A look in the classified section of any area newspaper indicated the shortage of nurses.

However, area health care providers gave their support by writing letters, serving on advisory boards, and agreeing to supervise students in clinical courses. Once the paper work and statistical analysis of the data was done, then the process began in earnest. Approval from the State Board of Education, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Education Committee of the State Board of Nursing and the entire State Board of Nursing must be obtained prior to beginning the program. At each step in the process, unanimous approval was granted and the final step was achieved today, with the Alabama State Board of Nursing approving the program of study for Faulkner State.

Bessemer Tech and Lawson State Presidents Honored at Luncheon

The Birmingham Urban League recognized special friendships at its Eighth Annual Multi-racial Friendship Luncheon May 9.

Individuals throughout greater Birmingham who have maintained long-standing relationships with persons of another race were honored. Two of the individuals recognized were Bessemer State Technical College President Dr. Mike Bailey and Lawson State Community College President Dr. Perry Ward.

The two honorees shared, through a video presentation, how they became friends, how the friendship had been nurtured and how their relationship has enriched their lives.

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Lawson State Community College Receives Reaffirmation of Accreditation

The Commission on Colleges announced the Reaffirmation of Accreditation for Lawson State Community College during its Business Meeting in San Antonio, TX, December 10, 2002 for a ten-year period.

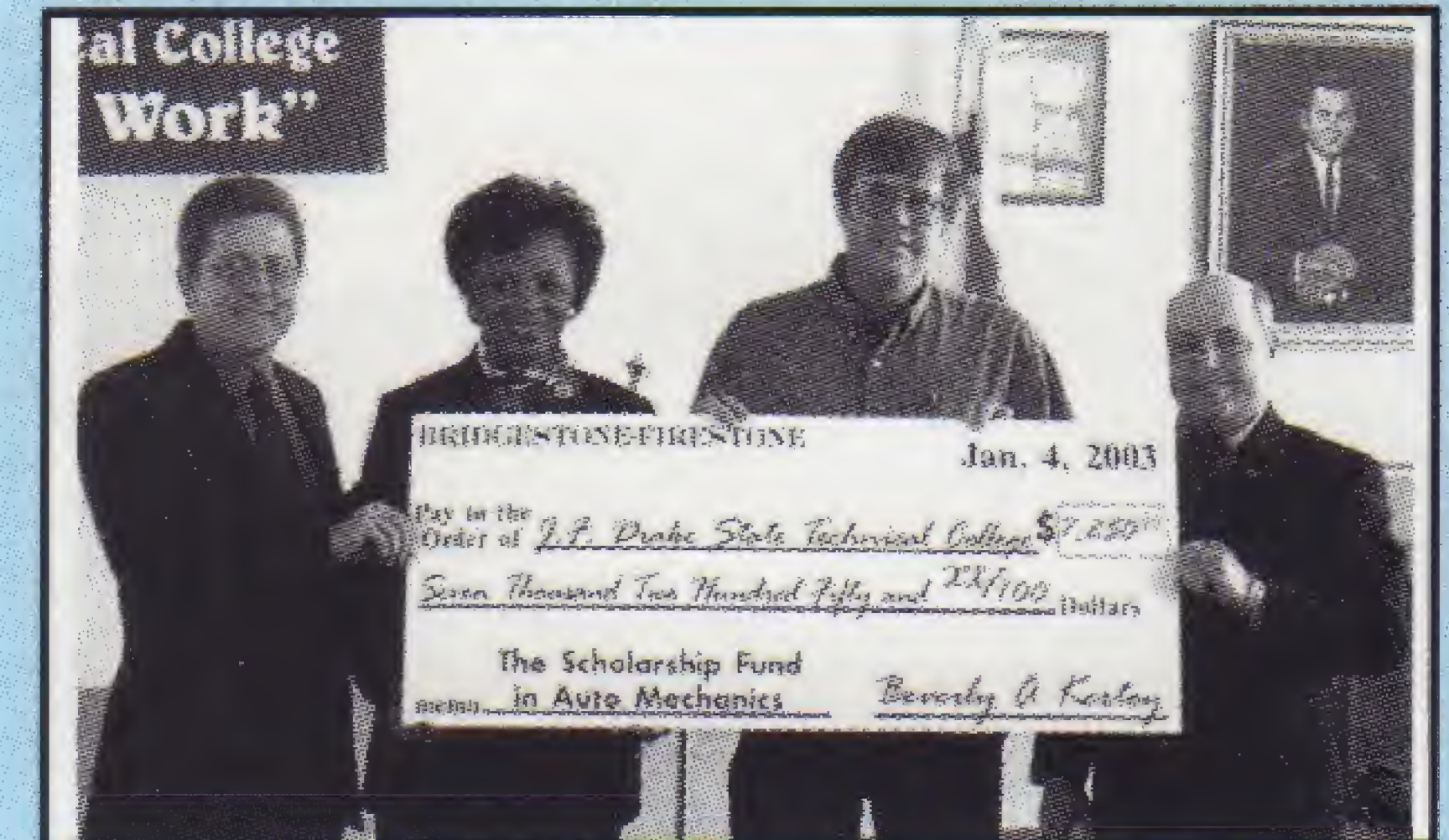
In granting the ten-year reaffirmation, the Commission noted that Lawson State Community College has a clearly defined purpose statement appropriate to collegiate education as well as to its own specific educational role. The College's statement references its role in preparing students to enter the job market, to transfer to senior colleges and universities, and to assist students to achieve their professional and personal goals. Reference is also made to the college's support of economic growth of the community.

Bishop State Mrs. Taylor lauded by National Organization

The National Association of Black Social Workers recently presented Mary Q. Taylor with the Chapter's Individual Service Award at its 34th Annual Conference held in Albuquerque, NM. This was the first time an award of this magnitude had been presented to an individual for exemplifying dedication, compassion for others and organizational skills, both local and national.

Mrs. Taylor, a Career Counselor at Bishop State, was a charter member of the Mobile Chapter where she presently serves as vice president. On the national level, she has served as the national fund raiser chairperson for several years, member-at-large, and has played a significant role in planning the national steering committee meetings.

Bridgestone-Firestone Establishes Scholarship for Drake's Automotive Department



Bridgestone-Firestone representatives recently presented J. F. Drake State Technical College President Dr. Helen McAlpine with a monetary fund to establish a scholarship for the college's automotive mechanics technology program.

The scholarship was initiated to encourage more students to prepare for careers in the automotive field, which is experiencing a shortage of workers.

Paul Crabtree, operating manager of the Huntsville Bridgestone-Firestone office, was instrumental in developing the scholarship for Drake. Crabtree nominated Drake to the Bridgestone-Firestone corporate office as a worthy recipient of the company's scholarship program.

Lowery Riethmaier, operating manager of the Birmingham Bridgestone Firestone office, joined Crabtree in the scholarship presentation ceremony.

Drake's automotive technology program has experienced a substantial enrollment increase in the last couple of years, partly due to the Toyota pre-employment screening which brought over 5,000 persons to the college's campus. Scotty McLaughlin, a master Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified trainer, heads the automotive program.

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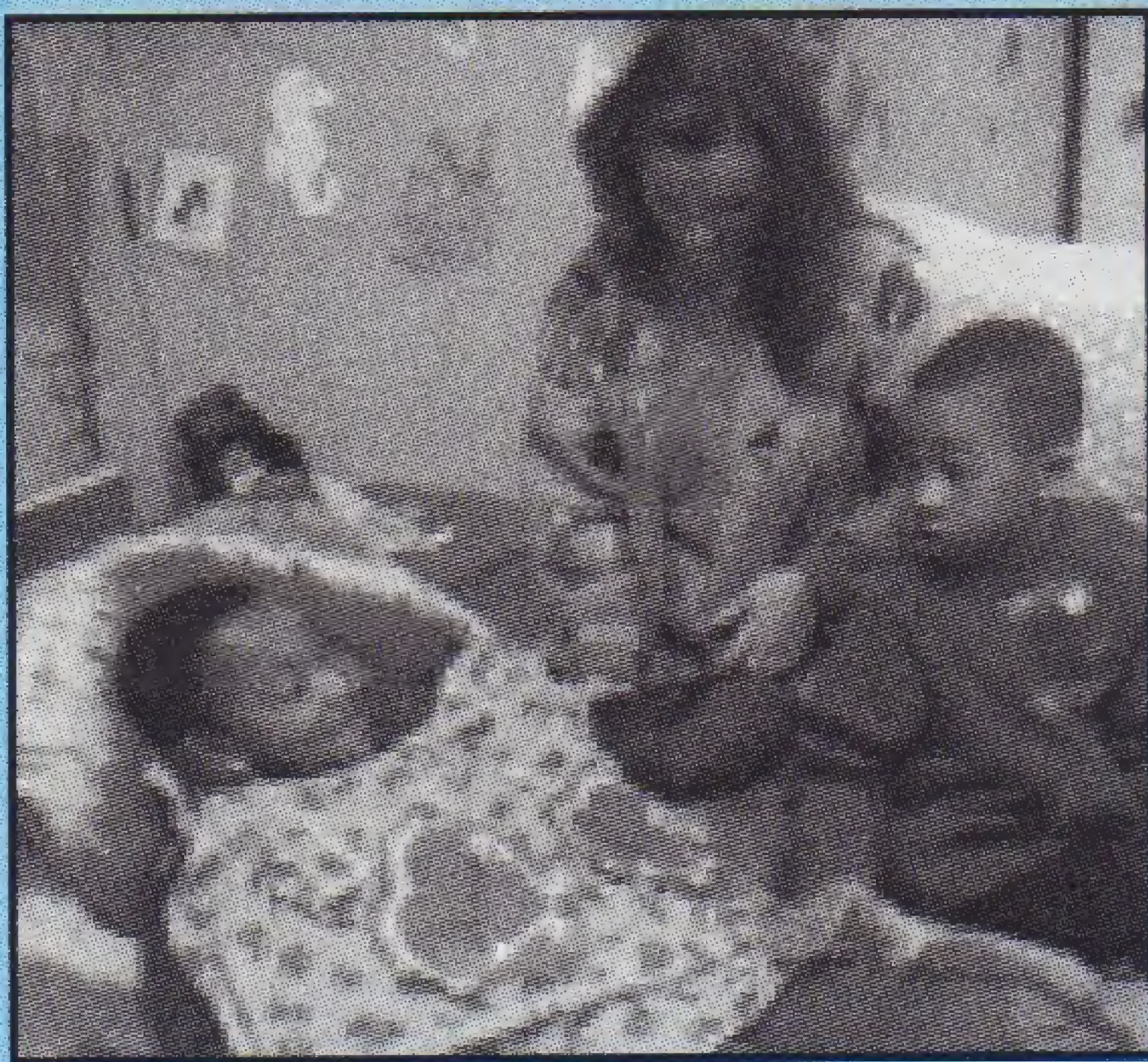
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Third Annual "Let's Pretend Hospital" For Area First Graders Hosted by Calhoun



Each spring, the entire Shelton Allied Health building on the Decatur campus of Calhoun Community College is literally transformed into a mock hospital. However, upon entering the front door, one quickly realizes the scene is not that of a traditional hospital but one that could easily be straight off the set of any children's TV program.

On March 18-21, the Nursing Department at Calhoun, in partnership with Decatur General Hospital, hosted the third annual "Let's Pretend Hospital", a mock hospital for area first graders.

According to Jan Peek, chairperson of Calhoun's Nursing Department, "Let's Pretend Hospital" is a project designed to provide first graders with 'friendly' information about what actually happens when someone is admitted to the hospital, has surgery, etc. "All the information presented in this mock hospital setting is done so on a non-threatening, first grade level," said Ms. Peek.

Over 1300 first graders from 22 public and private elementary schools in Decatur City and Morgan County participated in the activity, touring the various areas and rooms comprising the mock hospital. The first "Let's Pretend Hospital" at Calhoun was conducted two years ago, when about 500 first-graders descended upon the campus. Last year, close to 1000 students from several public and private elementary schools participated in the activity.

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Drake State Breaks Ground for New Library/Technology Center

J. F. Drake State Technical College recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for a 45,000 square foot Library/Technology Center. The new facility will alleviate the college's current instructional space shortage, while providing for future program expansion of technology on the campus.

Dr. Helen McAlpine, president of J. F. Drake State Technical College, led the groundbreaking ceremony by introducing program guests, elected officials and other dignitaries.

U. S. Congressman Bud Cramer (D-Ala.) was in attendance to announce the \$1.2 million dollars that was secured from his office to help build the center. "Drake's center for funds based on its own merits," stated Cramer. "President Helen McAlpine worked diligently in pleading her case to gain my office's support of the Center and her diligence paid off."

Funds have also been received from Senator Jeff Enfinger, (D-Huntsville), who secured an initial \$400,000 state grant, during the college's first announcement of their plans to construct the facility.

Along with U. S. Congressman Bud Cramer (D-Ala.), other elected officials and dignitaries attended including Mayor Loretta Spencer, City of Huntsville; Mayor Jan Wells, City of Madison; Ms. Barbara Gordon, representing Representative Laura Hall, District 19; Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, Alabama State Board of Education Member, District 8; Councilman Richard Showers, District 1; Commissioner Prince Preyer, Jr., District 6; and Mr. Ronnie Boles, Drake State Technical College advisory board member.

Bessemer Tech Student Receives National Award



Bessemer Tech graduate Susan Gaither was named Outstanding Technical Student of the year by the American Education Association at its annual conference in Orlando in March.

Gaither earned her associate degree in office administration, graduating with a 3.9 GPA in December 2002.

Gaither's mentor, Judy Kehr, an instructor, as well as the department chair of the Business Department at Bessemer Tech, was also nominated at the same conference in the Outstanding Teacher Category.

Gaither credits Kehr for helping her realize her goals, especially with the many disappointments Gaither found on the way to achieving her success. Among those disappointments was the death of her young son.

In her essay presented to the ATEA, Susan stated, "I have learned the most important lesson an education can give someone. If you believe in yourself and try your hardest, there is no obstacle that you can't overcome."

Lawson State Instructor Receives Regional ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award

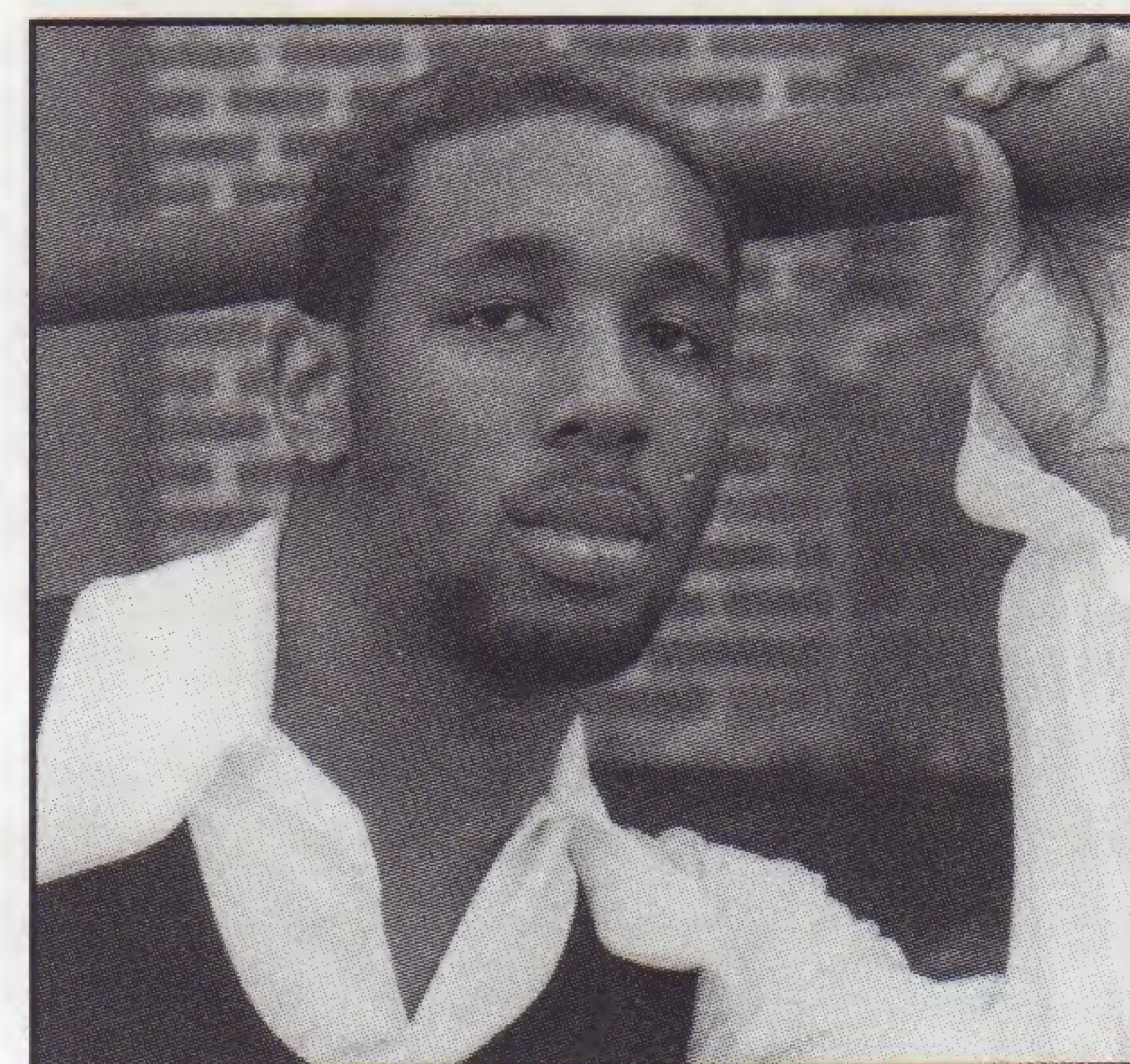
Alfreda L. King, instructor in the Business Technologies Department at Lawson State Community College, has been selected as the Southeastern Region winner for the Teaching Excellence Award by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

The Associate Degree Commission of the ACBSP established the Teaching Excellence Award to recognize individuals of member institutions who exemplify excellence in teaching. Ms. King holds a MBA degree from Alabama A & M University, a B.S. degree from Miles College and an A.S. degree from Lawson State Community College. Her service to the college spans some 30 years, 16 of which have been devoted to teaching excellence. "I thank God for such an honor and am humbled for being recognized for such a prestigious award," said Ms. King. "My gratitude is extended to all those who played a role in making one of my dreams a reality - the Regional Teaching Excellence Award. This shows that excellence, commitment and dedication do pay off and have their rewards."

Ms. King, as a regional winner, will become a nominee for the International Teaching Excellence Award with the winner being announced at the annual conference of ACBSP.

The ACBSP Associate Degree Commission, an international and professional accrediting agency, is devoted to promoting excellence in teaching/learning in business schools and programs in higher education. The Southeastern Region consists of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Lawson State Community College is ACBSP accredited and a member institution since June 1997.

Former Southern Union Dancer Makes Star Search Finals



On March 19, former Southern Union dancer Stephen Boss, of Montgomery, competed in the Young Dancer Finals of the CBS television show "Star Search." The 20-year-old Boss, who transferred last fall from Southern Union State Community College (SU) to Chapman University near Los Angeles on a dance scholarship, faced Jon Cruz of Riverside, CA, who ended up winning the \$100,000 Young Dancer Grand Prize. Boss won preliminary and Semi-Finals competitions to land him in the Star Search Finals.

Boss studied dance under Sonja McCord Fincher while at SU. After watching Stephen's performance, Fincher remarked, "I'm just so excited for Stephen! It was great for him just to have a chance to compete on national television. That's what we do at two-year colleges—create opportunities for our students. I hope this is the beginning of some great opportunities for Stephen."


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BSTC Alumni Make History



Alumni of Bessemer State Technical College gathered at the college's Ethel Hall Auditorium Jan. 30 to make history and to celebrate the formal creation of their alumni association.

Over 50 members of the alumni association gathered for the group's "Charter Member Celebration" in which each member was recognized and had the opportunity to sign the official charter creating the

organization. The association has already met with success.

"Our goal was to have 100 members by year's end; we have not only met that goal but surpassed it," explained Audrey Smallwood, interim president of the BSTC Alumni Association.

In his remarks to the alumni association's charter members, Bessemer Tech President Dr. Michael Bailey commented that while others will join the association in the future, these charter members will always be special because they are the first.

Association members have already met to work on the group's by-laws, set goals and objectives, and, most importantly, recruit members.

Drake State Celebrates Over 40 Years of Service to the North Alabama Community

In celebration of over 40 years of service to the North Alabama community, J. F. Drake State Technical College sponsored a series of activities to commemorate the occasion.

One of the first activities, a library groundbreaking ceremony, was attended by U. S. Congressman Bud Cramer (D-Ala.). Cramer's office secured \$1 million dollars to help build the new facility, which is slated to start construction in the 2003 summer semester.

Other events included the 2003 Ms. J. F. Drake State Technical College pageant, a Spirit Day festival, a Habitat for Humanity volunteer project, and an Anniversary Celebration Dinner.

The black-tie anniversary dinner was held at the Von Braun Center and included an audience of educational

leaders, community notables, business luminaries, corporate sponsors, retirees, faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Roy Johnson, chancellor of the Alabama College System, was one of the program participants that made greetings to the audience. The theme for the occasion was "Over Four Decades of Educational Excellence: A Legacy of Committed Service," which signifies the college's lengthy existence and service to the North Alabama community.

The keynote speaker for the event was Herman Boone. Boone was portrayed by Academy-Award winner Denzel Washington in the 2000-released Disney film, *"Remember the Titans."*

Shelton State Community College Dedicates Jubilee Clock Tower



Shelton State culminated their Fiftieth Anniversary Jubilee Celebration not with a bang, but with a chime. The Jubilee Clock Tower was dedicated on April 23.

Over the past eight months, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the West Alabama community have celebrated Shelton State's long history of academic excellence, career and technical achievement, and community service.

The ceremony featured student musicians as well as comments from Sandra Ray, Alabama State Board of Education District VII. Remarks from Dr. Roy Johnson, chancellor of the Alabama College System preceeded the inaugural ringing of the bells.

"We are extremely excited to see this symbol of Shelton State's reverence and respect for the past and hopefulness for the future come to fruition. The dedication ceremony capped off our Jubilee celebration and focused on 'Our Students—Our Future.' It will serve as a symbol of our dedication to our students and the future of West Alabama," said Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State Community College.

Bevill State Scholars Bowl Finishes Third in Nation at NAQT

The Bevill State Community College Scholars Bowl team finished third in the nation in the Community College division at the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) Intercollegiate Championship Tournament.

The competition, held in Los Angeles at UCLA on April 4-5, was comprised of community colleges and four year colleges and universities from across the nation. Adam Pinson of Pinson Valley made the Community College All-Tournament Team as the second highest scoring individual player and was ranked 11th among all Division II players.

The Scholars Bowl team's accomplishments came on the wings of a very successful 2002-03 season. On April 18, they finished second at the state tournament held at the University of Montevallo with a 9-2 record in the tournament. Pinson, a freshman, finished as the third highest scorer at the state tournament.

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Bevill State to Offer Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies

The Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education has given approval for Bevill State Community College to offer an Associate in Applied Science degree in paralegal studies.

The Associate in Applied Science degree program will be available on all four of Bevill State's main campuses in Fayette, Hamilton, Jasper and Sumiton. Students seeking an associate degree in paralegal studies will take 27 semester hours of general studies and 39 semester hours of courses directly related to the paralegal profession, including courses in accounting, legal research and various specific areas of law, such as civil law and property law.

Bevill State previously offered a long-term certificate program in paralegal studies, so classes and instructors are already in place and include experienced attorneys and judges from surrounding communities who are able to share their knowledge and understanding of the law with students in the program.

"Anytime we can expand our offerings to serve students, that is certainly in line with the mission of Bevill State Community College," BSCC President Dr. Harold Wade said. "The expansion of our paralegal program to an associate's degree provides us another opportunity to develop a highly skilled workforce that is ready to step into the job market after completing their program of study."

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Sunday, November 23, 2003

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Opening Session
U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, Speaker	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Chancellor's Awards
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Reception

Monday, November 24, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Newcomers' Meeting
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshops
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Vendor Expo/Refreshments
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	General Session
Greg Gray, Speaker	
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your Own
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Workshops
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Workshops
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Workshops
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Association Meetings
8:00 p.m. - midnight	Dance

Tuesday, November 25, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Coffee/Juice
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Commission Meetings
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Chancellor's Address
11:30 a.m. - noon	Business Meeting
	Door Prizes
	Adjournment

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